

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert Vernon Ford  
Serial No.: 10/027,101  
Filed: December 20, 2001  
Group No.: 2157  
Examiner: Yves Dalencourt  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: May 13, 2008  
Confirmation No.: 9681  
Title: VOLUME-BASED NETWORK MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 15-19, 22-26, and 33-36. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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